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**By Certified Mail**  
**Return Receipt Requested**

REPLY TO THE ATTENTION OF:

John P. Giliberti  
Assistant State's Attorney  
Winnebago County State's Attorney's Office - Civil Bureau  
Courthouse Building  
400 W. State Street  
Rockford, Illinois 61101

C-14J

Re: Southeast Rockford Groundwater Contamination Superfund Site (SER) [and, also located within the Interstate Pollution Control (IPC) Site] - Property at Rockford, (Winnebago County), Illinois

Dear Mr. Giliberti:

I am writing in response to your inquiry of Fall 2015 (and email request of January 27, 2016), concerning the property referenced above. My response is based upon the facts presently known to the United States Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA") and is provided solely for informational purposes. For the reasons stated below, EPA does not presently contemplate Superfund action in terms of the SER Site, on the above referenced property at Rockford, Winnebago County, Illinois, also legally described as:

Part of Block Eight (8) as designated upon the plat of Rockford Sand and Gravel Company's Subdivision of part of Sec. 34 and 35 T. 44 N., R. 1 E. of the 3rd P.M., the plat of which Subdivision is recorded in Book 11 of Plats on page 32 in the Recorder's Office of Winnebago County, Illinois, bounded and described as follows to wit. Beginning on the East line of said Block 8 which line is coincident with the West line of Block 6, as shown upon said Plat, at a point 475.0 feet South of the Northwest corner of said Block 6; thence West, Parallel with the North line of said Block 8, 1080.0 feet; thence South, parallel with the West line of said Block 6, extended South 50 feet, more or less, to the Southerly line of said Block 8; thence Easterly and Southeasterly along the Southerly line of said Block 8 to the West line of said Block 6. Extended South, Thence North on said West line so extended 265.5 feet more or less, to the point of beginning, EXCEPTING therefrom all that part of said tract lying Easterly of the Westerly line of Magnolia Street as said street was dedicated by Deed dated March 20, 1950 and recorded April 5, 1950 in said Recorder's Office in Book 696 on page 626.

In response to growing concern over health and environmental risks posed by hazardous waste sites, Congress enacted the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and

Liability Act of 1980, as amended ("CERCLA"), establishing the Superfund program to clean up these sites. The Superfund program is implemented by EPA in cooperation with individual states and local and tribal governments. Sites are discovered by citizens, businesses, and local, state, or federal agencies. After a potential hazardous waste site is reported to EPA, the available information is recorded in the Comprehensive Environmental Response and Liability Information System ("CERCLIS"), EPA's data management system for Superfund. Sites are added to CERCLIS when EPA believes that there may be contamination that warrants action under Superfund.

CERCLIS does not describe sites in precise geographical terms primarily because the boundaries of the contamination and available information on those boundaries can be expected to change over time. Once enough information regarding the nature and extent of the release of the hazardous substances is gathered, EPA can more accurately delineate the boundaries of a site.

The identified property appears to be defined as within the Southeast Rockford Groundwater Contamination Superfund Site (SER Site) which is included on EPA's list of high priority hazardous waste CERCLIS sites known as the National Priorities List ("NPL"). I would also note that it appears that the identified property may also be within the boundaries of the above referenced IPC Site as well. This letter refers only to the issues regarding the property in question with regard to the SER Site. The Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA) is the lead Agency regarding IPC issues.

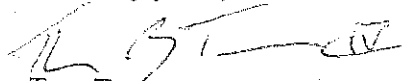
Pursuant to a 2002 Superfund Record of Decision (ROD) for the overall SER Site, EPA is currently working with the IEPA to perform a remedial action cleanup of the groundwater within a geographic area that encompasses the identified property in question. EPA has determined that no additional investigatory or cleanup action is appropriate at present at the above referenced property in question.

EPA, therefore, at this time anticipates no need to take any further Superfund enforcement or cost recovery action involving the \_\_\_\_\_ property with regard to the SER Site, unless new information warranting further Superfund consideration or conditions not previously known to EPA regarding the property are discovered.

EPA has compiled an administrative record for the Southeast Rockford Groundwater Contamination Superfund Site which provides information on the nature and extent of the contamination found at the site. This record is available at EPA Region 5 (77 W. Jackson Blvd., 7<sup>th</sup> Floor, Chicago, IL 60604) and at the Rockford Public Library, Main Branch, 215 N. Wyman Street, Rockford, IL 61101.

If you have any additional questions, or wish to discuss this information, please feel free to contact EPA Remedial Project Manager Tim Drexler at 312-353-4367.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'T. Turner', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Tom Turner

Assoc. Regional Counsel

cc: T. Drexler, RPM, EPA, Region 5 (SR-6J)  
B. Conrath, IEPA